

MAC GRANTS & SERVICES

Artist’s Innovation Awards

The Montana Arts Council launched this awards program to honor the innovative ideas, practices and the contributions of Montana artists. This application can only be completed online at art.mt.gov. The next application deadline will be announced in 2015.

Artists in Schools/Communities Grants

The Artist in Schools in Communities Grant Program for FY15 will open on April 15, 2014 for arts learning projects occurring between July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Please read the FY15 guidelines carefully, as funding categories and guidelines have been revised from FY14. First-time applicants or anybody wishing to discuss an idea for an arts learning project are welcome to call Emily Kohring, Director of Arts Education at (406) 444-6522 or email her at ekohring@mt.gov to discuss your application.

The Arts Education program contains three distinct components which provide participatory experiences in arts learning that increase or strengthen participants’ knowledge and skills in the arts.

1. Artist visits: The artist visits program encompasses visits lasting from one to four days with no more than four hours of contact time per day.
2. Residencies: Short-term residencies last one to four weeks, or a total of five to 20 days over a longer period of time. Long-term residencies are residencies of five weeks or longer, up to one year.
3. Special projects: This funding broadly supports the creation of projects that establish, expand or advance both school curriculum and educational arts programming. Projects that support and encourage the community’s lifelong learning, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts are also funded.

The Montana Arts Council awards grants to Montana organizations that are nonprofit and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), which include the 501(c)(3) designation of the Internal Revenue Code, or are units of government, educational institutions or local chapters of tax-exempt national organizations.

Arts Education Artist Registry

The Arts Education program supports a wide range of residencies by professional working artists and local or regional arts organizations (touring or locally based). Activities are hands-on and process-oriented. The artist must be able to clearly communicate the concepts and skills of the chosen art form and relate well to people in a variety of educational settings.

Deadlines are ongoing. To apply visit MAC’s website at <http://art.mt.gov> or call the MAC Arts Education Hotline at 800-282-3092.

Cultural and Aesthetic Project Grants

In 1975, the Montana Legislature set aside a percentage of the Coal Tax to restore murals in the Capitol and support other cultural and aesthetic projects. Grant funds are derived from the interest earned on this Cultural Trust.

Any person, association, group or governmental agency may apply. All applications must, however, be officially sponsored by a governmental entity. Requirements include a 1:1 match in cash or in-kind goods and services for Special Projects Under \$4,500, Special Projects and Operational Support. Capital expenditures require a 3:1 match of cash or in-kind goods and services. This application can only be completed online – go to MAC’s website at <http://art.mt.gov>. The application deadline is August 1, 2014 for FY 2016-2017.

Montana’s Circle of American Masters

Montana’s Circle of American Masters in Visual Folk and Traditional Arts celebrates the contributions of Montana’s master artists. A member of Montana’s Circle of American Masters is a person who, throughout their lifetime of work in the traditional arts, has created a notable body of work. Of significant cultural and artistic stature, their work is representative of the historic, traditional and innovative arts and handcrafts distinctive to the state and is worthy of note on both a state and national level. Deadlines for this program are ongoing. For nomination materials, visit the MAC website at http://art.mt.gov/artists/artists_masters.asp or contact Cindy Kittredge at ckittredge@mt.gov or by phone at 406-468-4078.

Public Value Partnerships

The Montana Arts Council is pleased to continue operating support grants for Montana non-profit arts organizations under a program titled Public Value Partnerships. Public value partners are defined as organizations making a positive difference in the individual and collective lives of the citizens of the state through the arts, and worthy of state investment. These grants fund Montana non-profit arts organizations who have had their 501(c)(3) status for a minimum of five years and at least a half-time paid staff member. Current guidelines are available on the MAC website. The current grant period runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

The next round of grant applications will be due in Spring 2015. Visit <http://art.mt.gov> for more information.

Strategic Investment Grants for the Arts

Strategic Investment Grants for the Arts are given throughout the year to provide funds for:

- Training and Network Development opportunities that help build art skills, healthy arts careers and businesses.

- Market Expansion to help increase exposure and improve marketing or promotion, opportunities for exhibition or performance and sales.
- Public Outreach Arts Activities for ongoing and one-time arts activities by arts organizations and artists that help firmly anchor the arts in the greater community.
- Challenges and Emergencies to provide

assistance for artists or arts organizations experiencing catastrophic-level emergencies that threaten their ability to continue their work, and demand prompt and immediate attention.

Artists, 501(c)(3) arts organizations and Preschool-12 teachers are eligible to apply. 1:1 matching grants are available up to \$1,000 and decisions will be dictated by the availability of funds and the nature of the requests. Awards are made directly by the council and applications are reviewed monthly.

This application can only be completed online – go to MAC’s website at <http://art.mt.gov>. The application deadline is the 15th of the month (or first business day after the 15th if that falls on a weekend).

Montana Artrepreneur Program (MAP)

MAP, a workforce development program for Market Ready Certification, helps artists map a sustainable future by aiding them in preparing the tools they need for a wider market place and to build a successful business in art.

MAP connects regional groups of artists with learning opportunities like workshops, mentorships, internships, and studio-based work. The cohorts commit to monthly meetings to work on developing tools to become market ready. Each cohort is guided by a certified MAP coach and receives information and guidance from the MAC Market Development Specialist. The monthly meetings provide an opportunity to bring samples of artwork, discuss problems, and share recent successes.

For more information contact Cindy Kittredge at ckittredge@mt.gov or 406-468-4078.

Grant guidelines and applications can be downloaded at <http://art.mt.gov>



Help us find technical assistance articles for State of the Arts

The Montana Arts Council is requesting submissions from artists and organizations on practical professional development tips for artists for upcoming issues of *State of the Arts*.

Topics might include:

- “How to” articles (i.e. marketing tips for the beginning visual artist, how to find a publisher for your first book, doing your own PR, writing an effective artist statement or how to make a CD).

- Innovative arts education projects or statistics.

Upcoming deadlines are: June 1 for the July/August issue, and August 1 for the September/October issue.

Please limit submissions to 500 words. Call MAC at 406-444-6510 or email mac@mt.gov before submitting stories.

ARTS & CULTURE: Statewide Service Organizations

Humanities Montana, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; 406-243-6022; www.humanitiesmt.org. Presents humanities programs, awards grants, conducts speakers bureau, reading/discussion groups and teacher programs.

MT Art Education Assn., President: Marvin Pauls; mpauls@mcps.k12.mt.us; www.maeamt.org. Provides professional information and development for art teachers in all areas.

MT Art Therapy Assn., President Elect: Steve Thomas; sgtartx@yahoo.com; montanaarttherapyassociation.org. Connects art therapists, educates the public, and conducts art exhibits to emphasize the healing nature of art making.

MT Arts, PO Box 1872, Bozeman, MT 59771; 406-585-9551. Provides administrative services for statewide organizations and some local groups and acts as a fiscal agent for emerging arts organizations.

MT Assn. of Symphony Orchestras, PO Box 1872, Bozeman, MT 59771; 406-585-9551; www.montanasymphonies.org. Provides resource sharing, imports musicians and conducts seminars and conferences.

MT Center for the Book, c/o Humanities Montana, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; 406-243-6022, ask for Ken Egan. Organizes public forums featuring Montana authors; and promotes reading, book arts and publishing.

MT China Painting Art Assn., 1202 Hauser Blvd., Helena, MT 59601; 406-442-9504. Promotes the art of china painting, porcelain and glass; sponsors a yearly public show featuring nationally known teachers.

MT Community Foundation, 1 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59601; 406-443-8313; email: mtcf@mt.net; www.mtcf.org. Maintains endowments for nonprofit organizations and awards grants.

MT Cultural Advocacy, PO Box 1872, Bozeman, MT 59771; 406-585-9551. Coalition of arts and cultural agencies that lobbies the state legislature to maintain funding of cultural agencies and oversees legislation affecting Montana’s cultural sector.

MT Dance Arts Assn., Charlene White, 718 Logan St., Helena, MT 59601; 406-443-6519; creativeartscenter@hotmail.com; www.montanadancearts.org. Sponsors a fall and spring workshop for young Montana dancers, administers a summer scholarship program and presents a summer teachers’ workshop.

MT Arts Association, Inc., c/o Ron Paulick, 708 56th St. So., Great Falls, MT; 406-453-4076. Assists artists in all disciplines through educational projects, information, and workshops.

MT Music Educators Assn., President John Combs, 1500 Clarkia Lane, Missoula, MT 59802; jcombs@mcps.k12.mt.us; www.mtmusiced.org. Provides professional information and development for music teachers in all areas.

MT Painters Alliance, Janet Sullivan, 4839 Scott Allen Dr., Missoula, MT; www.mtpaintersalliance.com. A statewide organization comprised of professional outdoor painters who seek to showcase the vast variety and spectacular beauty of Montana.

MT Performing Arts Consortium, PO Box 1872, Bozeman, MT 59771; 406-585-9551; www.mtperformingarts.org. Supports performing arts presenting in large and small communities; sponsors an annual conference showcasing performing arts; facilitates block-booking; and provides quick-grants to rural presenters.

MT Preservation Alliance, 120 Reeder’s Alley, Helena, MT 59601; 406-457-2822; www.preservemontana.org. Provides technical assistance and information on historic preservation issues through a circuit rider program. Publishes Preservation Montana.

MT Public Television Assn., PO Box 503, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645; 406-547-3803. Supports efforts of Montana’s rural low-power public television stations; provides technical assistance in video production and station application procedures and sponsors an annual conference.

MT Theatre Education Assn. (MTEA), President Mike Hesford, Jefferson HS, Boulder, MT; school 406-225-3317; cell 406-224-1598; mike.hesford@jhs.k12.mt.us. A

K-12 education resource for Montana theatre educators; presents yearly at MEA-MFT and is affiliated with EDTA.

MT Thespians, Chapter Director, Sarah DeGrandpre, 2120 S. Reserve St., PMB 136, Missoula, MT 59801-6451; 406-728-2400 ext. 8052; SarahDeGrandpre@montanastatethespians.org; www.montanastatethespians.org. Recognizing and rewarding excellence in high school theatre.

MT Watercolor Society, PO Box 3002, Missoula, MT 59807; Sally Angove, membership chair, 406-442-4657; email: sangove@bresnan.net; www.montanawatercolor.society.org. Sponsors two annual workshops, a yearly Open Members show, a national Juried Watermedia Exhibition, and a quarterly newsletter.

Museum and Art Gallery Directors Assn., 2112 First Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401; 406-761-1797; email: montanaart@bresnan.net; www.magdamt.wordpress.com. Supports visual art centers and galleries through traveling exhibitions, technical assistance and an annual conference.

Museums Assn. of Montana, MT Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620; 406-444-4710; www.montanamuseums.org. Supports museums of all disciplines through annual conferences, quarterly newsletters and technical assistance with museum issues.

Rocky Mountain Photo Club, 1518 Howell St., Missoula, MT 59802; 406-728-5374. Provides photography education, professional information, workshops and opportunities for members to show work in galleries.

VSA Montana, PO Box 7225, Missoula, MT 59807; 406-549-2984; www.vsamontana.org. Provides information, technical assistance and workshops on working with differently-abled constituencies.

Writer’s Voice of the Billings Family YMCA, 402 N. 32nd St., Billings, MT 59101; 406-248-1685. Assists emerging writers in artistic and professional development; supports accomplished writers; provides public programs that challenge the traditional definition of literary arts.